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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SITUATION REPORT.

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 041530Z THE DESTROYERS USS MADDOX AND USS TURNER JOY WERE ATTACKED BY AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PATROL/TORPEDO BOATS AT 18-17N 107-32E. PATROL CRAFT IMMEDIATELY TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY DESTROYERS AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER BY AIRCRAFT FROM THE ATTACK CARRIERS USS TICONDEROGA AND USS CONSTELLATION. TWO PT BOATS REPORTED SUNK AND TWO DAMAGED. PT'S HAVE APPARENTLY BROKEN OFF ENGAGEMENT.

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2. AS RESULT OF ABOVE INCIDENT JCS HAVE DIRECTED CINCPAC TO CONDUCT ONE-TIME MAXIMUM EFFORT CVA AIR STRIKES AGAINST SWATOW PATROL CRAFT AND PT BOATS AT BASES IN NVN AND A SUPPORTING POL FACILITY.

3. JCS ARE CONSIDERING AS FURTHER ACTION CERTAIN DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES AND ALERTING ACTIONS UNDER CINCPAC OPLAN 37-64 CATEGORY 3.

4. UNCLASSIFIED NICKNAME PIERCE ARROW ASSIGNED GP-3

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